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Dear Albright:

I am sending you an article on our trip through eastern Trans-jordan, together with photographs, and tracings of the rock-carvings. You may want to excerpt it for the Bulletin, if it is too large to be included in its entirety. If you feel the article merits publication in its entirety, will you send it to the AASOR or the AJA?

I am also enclosing a fuller report of our recent School trips than I made in my last letter of Feb. 28 to Professor Montgomery, in case you desire to publish it in the Bulletin. I note from your letter of Jan. 20 that you received the archaeological report, which you are excerpting for the Annual before sending to Miss Swindler for the AJA. I do not know which parts you excerpted, but I am sending you in the next few days a fuller article on El-Hammeh, with photographs and drawings of the sherds, than I included in the report. I thought this fuller article on El-Hammeh might go to the AASOR.

I have suggested to Professor Montgomery that the \$500 which the Board appropriated, at your kind suggestion I believe, to undertake any small dig I may consider worthwhile, be put at my disposal to make a survey of Bronze Age sites in Transjordan, and to make whatever soundings on some of them which I may find advisable. Mr. Horsfield has assured me of his hearty cooperation.

The School session closes today. Most of the members of the School are going to Mesopotamia with Dr. Cumming for a three weeks' stay, and then sailing for America from Beirut. I could not arrange the usual long spring trip because of Jerash. The group has been a pleasant and interested one, and association with Dr. Cumming has been delightful. I have completed arrangements for Jerash. In addition to Detweiler, I have engaged another architect, E. Bartow-Müller, a classmate of his at Penn., who is now with the Penn.-Baghdad School expedition. Stinespring, his wife, who is to keep the record-book, and I complete the staff. Dr. Fisher has already gone over to Jerash with me, and he, Horsfield, and I discussed what ought to be done this season. I am

taking Crowfoot over this week-end to get his point-of-view.

Fisher left the other day for Antioch. He has worked very hard on his Corpus this year, but he will be lucky if he can get the Bronze Age volume out. In a way it were better if he were relieved of his duties at Antioch for a year, or if the excavations were postponed for a year, to permit him to finish his Corpus. I think he will be perfectly satisfied to have two rooms in the Annual Professor's quarters, and I am sure he doesn't feel offended at the change in plans.

The plan to have your sister act as hostess is a splendid one. I am glad Dr. Stinespring and his wife will be with you. It were a pity not to make adequate use of the beautiful Director's house. The appointment of Stinespring as Thayer Fellow for the next two years is a most excellent one. He is a very capable man, and I am delighted that he has been chosen. I am also gratified that Detweiler has been appointed special architectural Fellow, with a stipend to be drawn from the Jerash grant. He is highly deservant of the fellowship, and I believe that he will prove a great asset to the School.

When are you coming out? I expect to remain in Palestine till August certainly, and shall be glad to carry on for you should you come here late in the summer. I have enjoyed the year here hugely, and have profited greatly, and am frankly sorry that it is racing by so quickly. I shall return on every possible occasion.

Professor Grant has arrived and expects to commence work at 'Ain Shems soon. Alan Rowe is to help him. Starkey, it is reported, is doing well at Tell Duweir. I expect to visit him soon. Sir Flinders Petrie does not seem to be finding much at Tell 'Ajjul.

Other news I have included in my letter to Professor Montgomery, which I need not therefore repeat here.

With best regards to you and Mrs. Albright,

Very sincerely yours,

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P. S. Alan Rowe has asked me to send you the enclosure.